Name of Authority	Opium	Mor-phine	Heroin	Ganja	Hashish	Cocaine	Metha-qualone	Acetic Anhydride
			(Quantity in Kgs.)					
NCB	147	..	41	3122	294	0 060	1412	..
DRI	..	..	..	..	..	..	1786	..
Cus. & Central Excise	..	..	7	50	58	..	628	..
CBN	14	..	3	135	..	..	..	..
BSF	6	..	2	174	5	..	..	70 (Lts.)
CBI	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..
State Police	5	..	679	63762	5448	..	4850	560 (Lts.)
State Excise	..	..	1	330	3.240	..	..	..

(b) Instructions have been issued to all enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in the NDPS Act. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles & communication equipments have been provided to enforcement agencies. Part of Indo-Pak Border has been fenced.

बचत बढाने के उपाय

2134. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा बचत को बढाने के लिए किए जा रहे सभी प्रयास सफल नहीं हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बचतों को बढने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं ; और

(घ) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान भारत में हुई बचतों की कुल धनराशि कितनी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (घ) केंद्रीय सांख्यिकी संगठन से प्राप्त अद्यतन आंकड़ों के अनुसार कुल सकल घरेलू बचतें 1991–92 में 142479 करोड़ रुपए से बढकर 1992–93 में 157186 करोड रुपए हो गई । यह पिछले वर्षों के स्तर की तुलना में 1992–93 के दौरान 10.3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाता है । पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बडी संख्या में अपनाए गए आर्थिक सुधार उपायों का उद्देश्य कार्यकुशलता, उत्पादकता और आय स्तरों को बढाना है, जो बचतों पर एक सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालेंगे ।

Bogus Claims from Income-Tax Refunds

2135. **SHRI SATISH PRADHAN**: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of bogus income-tax return-filing and refund-claiming cases have been detected; if so, what is the total amount of returns fraudulently claim in such cases;

(b) wnether it is a fact that a number of professional tax consultants are involved in this racket in collusion with the income-tax officials; and

(c) what is the total number of such tax consultants and income tax officials involved in this racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Branches of various Banks

2136. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over hundred branches of various banks are likely to be closed during the next financial year, if so, the bank-wise, location wise details thereof;

(b) what is the criterian used for closing the banks or branches of the bank;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government to introduce satellite branches banks; and

(d) to what extent this move of closure of all as satellite branches will effect the existing employments and em- [illegible] ia'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Public Sector Banks have been given freedom by Reserve Bank of India to close down their unviable and loss making branches or to convert them into satellite offices. While closure of loss making branches at rural centres having a single commercial bank branches is not considered desirable, at centres served by two commercial bank branches (excluding Regional Rural Banks) the decision for closure of one of the branches was left to the discretion of the banks through a progress of a natural consultation. The banks' proposal for closing of loss making branches located at well-banked urban/metropolitan centres will be considered and permitted by Reserve Bank of India. There is, however no move to retrench the employees of branches considered for closure and they will be productively redeployed in other activity such as internal audit, recovery, etc. The number of estimated branches proposed to be closed by nationalised banks by 31-3-1994 are given below:

Name of the Bank	No. of estimated branches proposed to be closed by 31-3-1994.
Andhra Bank	8
Bank of India	10
Bank of Maharashtra	10
Central Bank of India	10
Indian Overseas Bank	10
Syndicate Bank	11
United Bank of India	25
VCO Bank	20
Total :—	104